

Table 33. Combined current and deflated value by major gear type for Brunswick County from 1994-2001.

Gear	Current	Deflated	% Value
Trawls	\$14,553,544	\$3,767,971	39.07
Rod-n-Reel	\$9,533,676	\$2,475,281	25.59
Rakes	\$3,855,156	\$1,002,796	10.35
By hand	\$2,364,089	\$614,393	6.35
Other	\$2,079,037	\$1,009,626	5.58
Gill net	\$1,932,949	\$497,836	5.19
Pots	\$1,799,148	\$464,337	4.83
Trolling	\$1,137,019	\$297,012	3.05
Total	\$37,254,617	\$9,664,914	100.00

income relative to the average annual wage follows a similar trend to the average fishing income (Table A22).

The increase in the average fishing income in 1997 was most likely due to an increase in landings for Brunswick County commercial fishermen. Likewise, the dramatic decline in average fishing income in 1999 is due to a decline in landings primarily due to hurricanes Dennis, Floyd and Irene. There is also a corresponding drop in participants in 1999. These trends suggest that a substantial number of commercial fishermen from Brunswick County participate in fall fisheries because this is the period of time in which the hurricanes of 1999 impacted the North Carolina coast. There is also a decline in the average fishing income in 2001 but this may be attributed to a decline in landings and an increase in participants for Brunswick County in 2001.

Camden

The total landings for Camden County exhibited a strong increasing trend from 1994-2001 (Table 34). Landings increased dramatically from 1994-1996 with the number of participants remaining relatively stable during that time period (Table A23). A possible explanation for this jump in landings could be due to under reporting of landings in earlier years of the Trip Ticket Program due to reluctance to participate in the program (D. Lupton, *pers. comm.* 2003). The landings for Camden County began to